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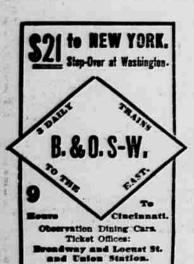
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BURLINGTON'S EAST SIDE, TRAIN LEAVES EARLIER.

Burlington's morning train for C., & Q. points in Illinois, Wiscensin and Innesots, from December 15, will leave St. only at 5.61 a. m., or twenty minutes ariler than heretofore.

SEPUTIES ARE JURY HUNTING-OFhave been received by Sheriff Dickmann to summon veniremen from which is select thirty-three special jurors to try cases set for trial in the Circuit Court next week. This requires the serving of about 1.20 summonses. The deputies were busily engaged all of yesterday locating the jurors. The work must be finished to-day.

### PROTECT WELLS FROM FIRE.

Beaumont Oil Men Insist On All Owners Employing Watchmen. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 13.-Judge J. D.

Martin of the Fifty-eighth District Court Martin of the Fifty-eighth District Court is determined that Spindletop shall be protected from fire, as far as the laws of the State will permit. Representatives of the State will permit and informed him that many of the companies having wells on the hill had refused to pay the assessments made against them by the committee for the protection of the hill. Secretary Childrens of the Beaumont Oil Exchange was the spokesman of the delegation that visited Judge Martin, and he informed the Judge that it was the desire of the committee that the owners of each well be required to keep a watchman at such well, and that it be part of the duty of such watchman to see that no other well is endangered from the one he may be watching. The matter was discussed at some length, and Judge Lipscomb of the commitmee read an amendment offered to the injunction which was granted to George W. Carroll some months ago against all companies on the hill. The amendment requires that each company owning a well shall ruard that well at all times, and that the guards shall do such work as shall protect surrounding property also. It further provides that if a company prefers to contribute to the payment of the Safety Committee's employes, it shall be refleved from maintaining a private watchman. Judge Martin announced that the Safety Committee should not be disbanded, and that he would make the amendment a part of the injunction.

A telegram from the Fuel Oil and Tranis determined that Spindletop shall be pro-

Gummittee should not be disbanded, and that he would make the amendment a part of the injunction.

A telegram from the Fuel Oil and Transit Company of Mobile, Ala., to the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company of this city announced the sinking of the oil barge Helen Buck off the Louisiana coast in Sunday night's storm, but a later message received this afternoon sinted that it was hoped that the barge could be saved, and, if so, it would be towed to Sabine Pass, and there pumped out. The barge was a dismantled schooner belonging to Spottswood & Co., of Mobile, Ala. It was loaded with 9,50 harrels of oil at Port A-thur recently by the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, and was destined for Gretna, La.

If you "want" anything, advertise in the "Miscellaneous Wanted" column of The Sunday Republic and you will get it.

INDORSEMENT FOR THE FAIR. State Industrial Societies Commend Work of Commissioners.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 13,-The last sessions of the State Industrial Societies were held this morning, when the Missouri Sheep Breeders' Association met. Papers were Breeders Association met. Papers were read and talks made by Professor F. B. Mumford of Columbia, John Morris of Chillicothe and Ben Bothwell of Nettiteton. Officers were elected as follows: President. M. F. Porbis, Chillicothe; vice president, F. B. Mumford, Columbia; secretary, L. E. Shattuck, Jr., Stanberry; member of Executive Committee, L. E. Shattuck, Jr., Stanberry, Last night the Missouri State Stanoerry, Last hight the Missouri State Grange held an open session. Superintendent W. T. Carrington spoke on "A Balanced Education for Industrial Classes"; R. H. Kerns of Macon, on "Organization," and Doctor R. H. Jesse on "Rural High Schools of the Company of the Company of the Company of the Company Schools of the Company of the C

BOAT AND TWO BARGES BURN.

The R. A. Speed Destroyed, Causta Loss of \$14,000.

BECUBLIC SPECIAL

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 12.—The towboat R. A. Speed and two barges were destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock this morning at Tensore Island, opposite this gity. The fire seriansted from the stove in the engine
The Russell Lord and fleet of barges, and the Beaver and T. H. Davis, the latter two with tows containing 1,000,000 feet of lumber for Cincinnati, were lying at the island and had narrow escapes.

The Speed was built in Pittsburg in 1832, and had been in the service of the Ayer & Lord Tie Company of Chicago, and the loss is about \$14,000.

The Russell Lord and barges were the property of the Ayer & Lord Tie Company of Chicago, and the loss is about \$14,000.

The Speed was built in Pittsburg in 1832, and had been in the service of the Ayer & Lord Tie Company about twelve years.

There was no insurance.

stantinople correspondent, the Russian Embassy at the Turkish capital has warned

the Perte that the installment of the war indemnity due in mid-January must be promptly paid. THINKS BOY ROBBED HIM—Charles
Drumm of No. 1817 Lynch street was robbed
to 69 cents by a pickpocket while standing
in front of a show window at Sixth and
y Locust streets Thursday afternoon.
Drumm thinks that he was robbed by a
t boy. The boy jestled him unnecessarily
trying to push his way to the show window, but Drumm paid little attention to
him.

### DWARD DYSON'S novel, "The Gold Stealers," is a thrilling story of Australian life. Other notable publications of the week. Gossip of doings in the literary world. New books received.

JAMES BALL TAYLOR, Author of "The Sign of the Prophet."

dition of Drake's "New England Legends,"

Mr. John Lane, London and New York,

drawings and maps of Selborne and the sur-

rounding country as it is at present and as

White's correspondents and fellow-natural-

The Macmillan Company, London and New

this dominant figure of Mr. Churchill's story. All the original illustrations, by How-ard Chandler Christy, are also retained. The book will make a handsome and worthy hol-

Two beautiful books for children are now just issued from the press of the Bowen-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, as a part of

the holiday output. The first is entitled "Dream Children," by Elizabeth B. Brownell, and its intent is to picture the more memorable "children of literature," the

dream children of great authors. It is a most attractive little volume, liustrated by

the author and with an introduction by

Literary Gossip.

industry will perish from sight; but the influence will remain to Make it live beyond its too short living With praises and thanksgiving."

The following is the full text of the poemi THE CITY OF LIGHT.

The Pan-American Exposition.

What shall we name it
As is our bounden duty—
This new, swift-builded fairy city of Beauty—
What name that shall not shame it,
Shall make it live beyond its too short living
With praises and thanksgiving?

The City of Light!

—Amherst House, Buffalo, May, 1901.

Perhaps no American is so distinguished

above all the competitors in his profession as Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. For a quarter of a century he has been a leader of organized

labor, and during all this time he has never lost his grif upon his organiza-tion. Compare this with the careers of

Debs, of Shaffer, even of Gompers. Beside it, the record of every labor leader in this country looks either trivial or a failure. It

seems extraordinary to-day that Chief Ar-

thur began his career as a "radical" amid universal demands from conservative news-papers for his official extirpation. The ip-

teresting story of his career, which has

never before appeared in extenso, is printed in Leslie's Monthly for January.

tition, with a prize of \$100 for the best original humorous drawing appropriate to that magazine, and smaller prizes for the

second and third best. The competition is to remain open until the 1st of March, 1902.

The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia announces two new departments which will challenge the interest of young

men and women throughout the country.

"A Home College Course," as one of them is called, has been designed to meet the

treated in an interesting way, and helpful hints for outside reading freely given. "To the Young Man Beginning Business"

is the second of these new departments. In It the most successful men in a dozen occu-pations will write about what helped them

to the front in their own business, and give a list of books and magazines bear-ing upon it. Their purpose will be to tell the beginner how he can make himself

more valuable to his employers.

These new departments will begin early in January, and will be made a permanent feature of The Saturday Evening Post.

Despite the fact that "Truth Dexter" vas

Its name-how shall we doubt it-

iday gift.

action should be fertile in local color, stirring incident, and the novelty that comes from general ignorance as to actual conditions in that far-off country. Strange to say, there have been few books written with Australia as the scene. Perhaps this charge can be laid against any comparatively new country.

Edward Dyson is perhaps best known for his work dealing with Australia. His "Rhymes From the Mines" and "Below and on Top" show that he confines himself to writing about that with which he is acquainted. In his last book, "The Gold Stealers, a Story of Waddy," he has not departed from his own beaten track, but has further established himself as the depictor of Australian characters and life.

And he has done this so successfully in "The Gold Stealers" that he justifies his choice. There are types on this antipodal continent that are interesting to even the casual reader. The thoroughness with which Mr. Dyson tells of their life, while at the same time setting forth the most enlivening and thrilling tale, instructs the reader by entertaining him.

Waddy is a small mining town in Victoria. The population is cosmopolitan, if nothing else. There is the pure-bred Englishmen, the hearty Irishman, the broadtion and notes, by the late Grant Allen. with upward of 200 filustrations by Edmund H. New, printed from blocks specially made spoken Scotchman, the bushranger, the Chinaman, and the score or more other for this edition. White's "Observations or types. In bringing these people into his



story the author has used a consummate art that preserves the characteristics of each nationality in its primitive form. The book opens with an introduction to two of the chief characters-Dick Haddon and Joel Ham. Dick is the hero of the exciting adventures that have him as the center. He is the only son of a widowed mother. It must be confessed that he is a most provoking youngster for a 12-yearold. He is the leader of the "gang," reourceful, imaginative to a degree, not always conforming to strict ideas of right and wrong, but always managing to keep in the limelight of publicity. Joel Ham is the schoolmaster of Waddy. Joel Ham is the schoolmaster of Waddy. In describing the characteristics of this most surprising individual, the author grows almost to the Dickens standard. "Hamlet," as his pupils called him, is the smartest man in Waddy, as he should be. So necessary is he to the mental equipment of the place that the school trustees in hiring him permit him a limited quantity of liquor without which he is unable to pursue his daily vocation. During school hours he has his bottle at hand. The pupils see nothing strange in the fact that he should

circumstantial evidence. Still the robbing continued. And as it chanced, the dishon-est "searcher" of the mines-the man who had sent an innocent man to prison-is the father of the girl whom the harumscarum Dick Haddon looked upon as little

ess than a heavenly being.

Around this characteristic of every 12year-old boy-this predilection for worshipping some young woman—the author weaves a story that does not lag in interest at any stage. The schemes of young Dick are wonderful. He it is who has taken charge of an abandoned mine where he directs his playmates in digging for a "strike." The fantastic names that he bestows upon his comrades are worthy the imagination of an older man—but Dick is no ordinary boy. In the course of Dick's adventures he devises a scheme for stealing the goats of a neighboring mining village. Australia devises a scheme for stealing the goats of a neighboring mining village. Australia revels in goats, no less so than Ireland. With a bend of five companions, he de-scends upon the back yards of his ene-mies in Cow Flat at midnight. With tricks and calls, which only a boy knows, he drives all the goats to Waddy.

Then follows the famous battle between

the elders of Waddy and Cow Flat. It is a battle royal. The blood of the two min-ing camps is at fever heat. From a prank of the boys the elders have entered into of the holys the eners have entered into a serious agreement to disagree. The author tells of the battle on the outskirts of Waddy with rare skill. The native humor which is flashed in every line of the description of this scene is alone worth the writing of the book.

English authors have a habit of making their levy heroes do most wonderful things.

their boy heroes do most wonderful things. Kipling, in "Stalky and Company," is perhaps an exagneration of the English tendency. No boy ever acted as does Mr. Kipling's Stalky. Mr. Dyson, in one way, has followed along the same line, but with a greater degree of appreciation of boy char-acter. Dick Haddon is a human creation with characteristics common to every happy and independent youth of his age py and independent youth of his age.

No reader will regret the time spent in reading "The Gold-Stealers." The unraveling of the plot is done with skill, the mystery being sustained to the end. Mr. Dyson has reason to command the attention of the public to his work in his chosen field.

Other New Books.

A superb photogravure portrait of Ben-jamin Harrison forms the frontispiece to the volume compiled by Mary Lord Harri-son, entitled "Views of an Ex-President," and published by the Bowen-Merrill comand published by the Bowen-Merrili com-pany, Indianapolis. There are no holiday furbelows or marginal elegance to label this as a holiday issue; yet it will make an appropriate gift book to a substantial citi-sen who can appreciate Mr. Harrison's ad-dresses and writings on subjects of public interest. General Harrison was not only conscientious and scholarly as a lawyer and conscientious and scholarly as a lawyer and published last spring, it continues to be one of the best seiling novels in many of the larger cities. In Boston, where the scene of Sidney McCall's much-discussed story is, in part, laid, "Truth Dexter" sells second only to "The Right of Way," a new fall book, and the discussion over the Identity of the authorship continues agace. The publishers, Little, Brown & Co., refuse to conscientions and scholarly as a lawyer and statesman, but he was a man of broad culture. This collection is divided into two parts, the first of which is made up chiefly of his Stanford University lectures, and the second part of various addresses and magazine articles on governmental, reli-gious, educational and political subjects.

Little, Brown & Co.'s holiday books instude new illustrated edition of "Little Men."
with fifteen full-page pictures, by Reginald
B. Birch; "Little Masterpieces," by Alphonse Daudet, two handsome volumes in
one box; "The World Beautiful in Books,"
by Lilian Whiting, containing gems from
the world's noted writers; Hamerton's
"French Painters and Paintings," two
handsome volumes in one box; "Joy and
Strength for the Pligrim's Day," by Mary
W. Tileston, a companion book to "Daily
Btrength for Daily Needs"; "A Japanese
Miscellany," by Lafcadlo Hearn, the unexcelled writer of Japanese life; "Maids and
Matrons of New France," by Mary Sitton
Pepper; "Types of Naval Officers," by Capsain Alfred T. Mehan; a new and enlarged

History of the Jesuits in England" etc., etc. Hitherto no history of the great Cardinal as a churchman has been attempted. And yet, Wolsey was something more than a politician. His ecclesiastical work had it been allowed to ripen, would have been of more lasting effect than his secular triumphs. It is not going beyond the evidence to say that if time had been granted to Wolsey to carry out his carefully-devised remedies, the re-ligious disputes would not have occurred in England. He was clear-eyed and single-minded and was keenly alive both to the existence of abuses and to the best way of meeting them. From the momentous results of the Royal Divore, this study of Wolsey's attitude, and of the lines on which he was working, is of the highest importance, as it throws a new light upon a question which seems never to have been tried on its own merits. The work is illustrated with twenty-one lithographs drawn by T. R. Way, who has made special studies for the pur-

"Jimmy Devlin" has not been talked about so much perhaps this fall as has Richard Croker, but he has lasted longer. The public is just beginning to appreciate him, for he was a "silent feller" all through the campaign. Now, that Christmas is coming and a new library edition of Farnham's "Life of Parkman." on, he is beginning to talk and is at his old tricks of making people happy. There are those who say 'J. Devlin-Boss' is a better story than "The Honorable Peter Stirling." publishes a new and cheap edition of Gli-bert White's "The Natural History of Sel-borne," edited, with a biographical introducand they are mighty numerous, too. It is a love story, don't miss that.

Joel Chandler Harris has been occupied for



THE DUKE OF ARGYLL,
Author of "Victoria R. I., Her Life and
Empire."

several years in writing the most important work that has yet come from his pen, and which he has only just finished. It is a rather lengthy novel, and the first installment will appear in the January number of the Era.

Clara E. Laughlin. The second is "The Story of the Live Dolls," by Josephine Scribner Gates, with illustrations by Vir-ginia Keep, and tells of "how, on a certain June morning, all the dolls in the village of Cloverdale came alive." The story will greatly interest the little ones. In a recent letter the author of "Unel-Remus" says of it: "The book is not pre-cisely autobiographical, but it is something more than reminiscent, for I have put my-self into it in the most unreserved way. When I decided to quit newspaper work, I turned to this work, and when I began it, I determined to write it in my own way, without regard to models, standards or In his last speech, delivered at Buffalo the day before he was shot. President McKinley quoted two lines of verse, the authorship of which was not disclosed. Certain newspapers—notably the New York Times—Endeavored to ascertain it, but in vain. The forthcoming publication by The Century formalism of any kind. I determined to write something to please myself. The result is what you have. It is mine; it is me. I do not say this on account of any pride I have in the work; it is perhaps faulty, but even the faults are mine. I forthcoming publication by The Century Company of "Peems and Inscriptions," a new book by Richard Watson Gilder, con-sisting of recent poems and the inscriptions written for the Pan-American Exposition, mean by this that I surrendered myself wholly to the story and its characters, and the idea of art simply never occurred to

will reveal the identity of the poet. The poem is entitled "The City of Light," and it was thus referred to in President Mome until the thing was complete."

The personal note which Mr. Harris so Kinley's speech:
"These buildings," he said, "will disappear; this creation of art and beauty and industry will perish from sight; but their frankly strikes ought to add to the interest with which his story will be looked for, and it is safe to say that the abandon with which he has thrown himself into this work cannot but increase the strength and

> Maxfield Parrish, who has made some of the most striking colored pictures in the December magazines, has gone to the Southest for the Century to Illustrate the series of articles on that country, written by Ray Stannard Baker, which the Century is about to print. This is Mr. Parrish's first visit to the West.

A State is worse than a dog in holding on Its name—now shall we doubt it—
We who have seen, when the blue darkness falls,
Leap into lines of light its domes, and spires,
and walls,
Pylons, and colonnades, and towers,
All garlanded with starry flowers;
Its name—what heart that did not shout it
When, from afar, flamed sudden against the
night to a bad name. Ever since the first christen-ing of Kentucky as "the dark and bloody ground" the newspapers have not been found wanting when a moral was to be pointed, as to what a community may come to if mab violence is in the saidle. The feuds of the Howards, the Philipotis and the Bakers, stripped of the epical qualities which surround them when a true Ken-tuckian tells the story, have grown in the columns of the newspapers to vuigar lists of murders. To find out the true facts of the case, the causes of the feuds, their extent and the possibilities of their amelioration, the editor of Leslie's Monthly has commissioned Mr. E. Carl Litsey, a painstaking and accurate observer, to travel slowly through the most notorious districts of Kentucky, and accepting nothing on hearsay, to make very careful investigation from purely personal sources. In the January number of Lesile's Monthly Mr. Litsey recounts the story of his adventures together with his conclusions regarding the whole subject.

In the February Century will begin a series of short stories by Doctor S. Weir Mitchell, whose novel "Circumstance." is-sued in October, is now in its thirtieth thou-With a view to developing the talent of young draftsmen in a humorous direction, the Century Magazine announces a compe-

New Books Received. The following books have been sent to

The Republic for review: The Republic for review:

"Washington, the Capital City, and Its Part in the History of the Nation." By Rufus Rockwell Wilson. Two volumes, Illustrated. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. 33.59

"The Belt of Seven Totems: A Story of Massasaott." By Kirk Monroe. Illustrated. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company.

"The French People" (Great Peoples series). By Arthur Hassall, M. A. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

wants of ambitious young people who have not had the advantages of a university training. This course will be conducted by a special faculty, composed of professors in the leading colleges. The studies have been most carefully chosen. Each will be Company.

Company.
"Prophet of the Kingdom." By Henry S. Fris-Prophet of the Rington. By Henry S. Frieble. Washington: The Neale Company,
"American Duck Shooting." By George Bird Grinnell. Illustrated. \$1.50. New York: Forest and Stream Publishing Company,
"Engene Field." By Slason Thompson. Two volumes. New York: Charles Sribner's Sons. \$3.

The Mercantile Trust Co. Will furnish every one who becomes a de-positor to the amount of one dollar a hand-some Private Savings Bank free.

YOUTHFUL COUPLE MARRIED. Fourteen-Year-Old Etta Teal Wedded to Her Boy Lover.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.-When Mrs. Olile Tell, the housekeeper of the Savoy Hotel, gave her 14-year-old daughter, Etta. ermission last Monday to visit a friend on

permission last Monday to visit a friend on the East Side she did not know the young lady had planned to marry R. S. Simpson. a 17-21-old boy, employed by the George R. Peck Dry Goods Company.

The youthful cauple went to Leavenworth, were married and returned to Kansas City. They did not tell their secret until Mrs. Teal read an announcement of the marriage in the papers. The young husband has been boarding at Mrs. Teal's home.

"Children, what have you done?" asked the bride's angry mother when she read of the marriage. When the confession was made the mother was angry, but last night she relented and gave the young couple her blessing.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.





Hy. Mayer, the funniest of this day's Comic Artists, will begin a Series of Original Color Drawings To-morrow's Sunday's Republic.

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# HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

To-morrow's Sunday's Chapter, rich in Advice and Good Pictures. will be worth your while.

POLITICAL JOBS DISCUSSED.

James L. Blair's Attack on Spoils
System Calls Out a Reply.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 13.—In a recent address before the Missouri Conference of Charities and Correction, James L. Blair citized the "spoils system" in politics, decritized the "spoils system" in politics, decritical the spoils system

